



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Hidetsugu FUKUYAMA et al

For: CATALYST FOR HYDROCRACKING OF HEAVY OILS
AND METHOD OF HYDROCRACKING HEAVY OILS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following
amendments:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the Abstract with the new Abstract of the
Disclosure enclosed herewith. A marked-up copy is also
enclosed.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Background of the Invention section,
beginning on page 1 and ending on page 8, as follows.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a method of
hydrocracking heavy oils or extraheavy oils with the
generation of coke being suppressed. More specifically, the
present invention relates to a method of hydrocracking heavy
oils or the like wherein the generation of coke is suppressed
in the presence of pressurized hydrogen and a catalyst

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